REMARKS

Claims 11-22 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-10 were canceled by Preliminary Amendment. This Amendment amends the specification, Fig. 11 of the drawings and claims 11-14. Support for the amendments to the specification, drawings and claims can be found in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to show the words "Prior Art" in Fig. 11. In response, Fig. 11 has been amended to show the words "Prior Art." Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawing objection and approval of the proposed drawing amendment. Upon acceptance of the proposed amended drawing, entry of the Replacement Sheet of Figs. 10 and 11 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The Examiner asserts that the phrase "dish-like" renders claims 11 and 12 indefinite. In response, claims 11 and 12 have been amended, thus replacing the phrase "dish-like" with the phrase "dish-shaped." Furthermore, claims 13 and 14 have been amended, thus replacing the phrases "plate-like" and "dish-like" with the phrases "plate-shaped" and "dish-shaped" respectively. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings and on page 13, lines 23-27 of the present specification. In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11-22 is respectfully requested.

The specification has also been amended to include language that is consistent with the language recited in amended claims 11-14.

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Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 11-22 are respectfully requested. Entry of the Replacement Sheet of Figs. 10 and 11 is also respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Fig. 11. The Replacement Sheet, which includes Figs. 10 and 11, replaces the original drawing sheet that includes Figs. 10 and 11. The changes incorporated in the Replacement Sheet are highlighted in red on the attached Annotated Sheet Showing Changes.

Attachments:

- 1 Replacement Sheet
- 1 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



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Fig.10

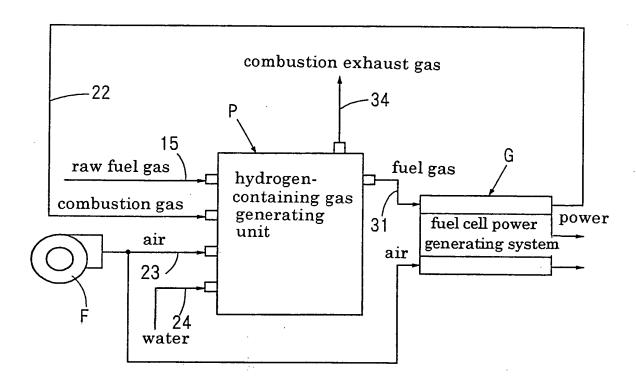


Fig.11 (PRIOR ART)

